

THE PUBLIC FORUM

REPLIES TO DAY BOOK.—On March 23 a statement was made in The Day Book to the effect that electricians, painters and glaziers quit working on three big flat buildings because there were employed non-union lathers. The buildings on the corner of Clarendon av. and Irving Park blvd. was one of those three above mentioned.

I do not know about the other two, but as to the particular building on corner of Clarendon av. and Irving Park blvd. on which I am working at the present time as a carpenter no scab lathers appeared as yet on the job.

I, therefore, wish to correct above statement as far as I know it to be not true, for a twofold purpose: First, to inhibit any kind of press misrepresentation in The Day Book, which I highly admire, and, second, not to allow any discredited rumors to be circulated by any enemies of organized labor.—B. Litvin, 2307 Rice St.

A WRONGED GIRL.—What is the matter with our city officials? Are they all asleep.

They are still talking and making a lot of noise about vice. Why don't they start investigating their own homes first. I think a great many wives would be surprised.

Look at the number of Funkhouser men who have been discharged since that office was created.

Their duty is to perform, not to obstruct, justice. Can there be any lower creature on God's earth than an officer who lives on the souls of ignorant girls and who protects them that they may go out and do their hustling for him?

Don't you think that where there is so much smoke there must be some fire? Let girls who have been wronged by these creatures report to Mr. Merriam's crime commission some of their experiences and let them hear their side of the story. I

think if a few girls would do this the thrill-seeking public would be shocked.—Ethel Dowd, 2518 S. State.

TWO REPLIES.—I hope you will grant me a few lines in your paper to answer two articles, the first by "Reader" entitled "Comfort in Belief," the other entitled "Beer Drinking" by "Tweedle Junior."

"Reader" says: "Oh! You people who are always criticizing your neighbor's religious belief, why don't you remember that this is the land of the free, where each man may worship God as seems best to him." He then urges "Live and let live" as a good motto for all.

I heartily agree with him in every respect. We should all remember that in this country we may worship God as seems best to us. We should also "live and let live." Nevertheless, we have not forgotten the massacre of the Huguenots. We have not forgotten the horrors of the Inquisition. Does this motto "live and let live" correspond with these infamies?

Of course, "Reader" will argue that the church has changed since then and would never repeat this conduct. Let him however consult with one of his own people, Priest Phelan of St. Louis, and he will find that the latter has declared recently that if the church had its old power the inquisition would still be in force.

But even at that "Reader" might have some reason for complaining if anyone were attacking his religious belief. But he knows as well as anybody that it is only the political activity of the Catholic church that is being attacked.

Now for "Tweedle Junior."

He says: "So long as any person desires a glass of beer and in the drinking thereof injures nobody, why should he be denied the privilege of a glass or so?"

Will Tweedle explain how a married man can drink without making his family suffer, if only through a shortage in the pay envelope?